



## CHILDREN'S CAST AUDITION INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in being part of our annual holiday tradition! We're so excited that your child has chosen to audition for a role in our Children's Cast.

Please read the following information for details about audition requirements, what to expect from audition day, and information about what we expect from these very important cast members during rehearsals and performances. We encourage you to keep this information for your reference.

### AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible to audition, each child **MUST** meet the following requirements:

1. He/she must be at least seven years old at the time of the audition.
2. He/she must have had at least one year of dance training.
3. He/she must meet the specified height requirements.
4. He/she must submit a completed application form.

### AUDITION APPLICATION DEADLINE

**Completed applications must be received by mail, email, or in-person by Friday, August 14, 2026.**

Please note that applications must be signed by both parent and child and include a \$30.00 audition fee (we accept cash, check made payable to Louisville Ballet, or credit card via [The Louisville Ballet School's Customer Portal](#)).

NOTE: You must also complete and return the registration form if you pay online to be considered complete. Applications may be mailed, emailed to [nutcracker@louisvilleballet.org](mailto:nutcracker@louisvilleballet.org), or submitted in-person at our downtown location:

**Attn: School Registration & Enrollment Manager  
Louisville Ballet  
315 E. Main Street  
Louisville, KY 40202**

Applications received after Friday, August 14, 2026 must include an additional \$10.00 late processing. We cannot accept submissions after Thursday, August 20, 2026. Please email [nutcracker@louisvilleballet.org](mailto:nutcracker@louisvilleballet.org) or call us at (502) 583-3150 x 245 if you have any questions.

# AUDITION DETAILS AND EXPECTATIONS

**AUDITION LOCATION**  
LOUISVILLE BALLET STUDIOS  
315 E. MAIN STREET  
LOUISVILLE, KY 40202

**AUDITION DATE & TIMES**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026**

Registration Time	AUDITION TIMES	HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS
9:00 am - 10:00 am	10:00 am – 11:30 am	5'1" and Under
11:45 am -12:30 pm	12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Over 5'0"

**\*\*\*Registration for the first audition opens at 9:00am.  
Children should arrive 30 minutes before all other audition times.\*\*\***

Please read height requirements carefully to ensure that your child is present to audition for all eligible roles. Measurements taken on audition day by Louisville Ballet staff will be considered final. Children are expected to audition for all roles for which they meet the height requirements. Please note that our Artistic Staff may release children early or may consider your child for roles outside of their height eligibility.

Please send your child with a labeled water bottle and an allergy friendly snack/lunch in a labeled brown bag in case they are asked to stay beyond 11:30 am.

## **AUDITION ATTIRE & APPEARANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**Girls** – Leotard (**no nude camisoles, please!**), tights or socks, and ballet or jazz shoes. Hair must be pulled back from the face and off the nape of the neck and secured in a neat manner.

**Boys** – T-shirt, jazz pants, biker shorts or tights, ballet or jazz shoes.

Please be mindful of our limited space and potential distractions and send your child with only what is necessary for the audition. Thank you!

## **PARENT EXPECTATIONS**

Because our space is very limited, no parent or guardian may wait inside the building on audition day. We will ask you to provide a phone number where you can be reached that day in the event of an emergency.

**Parents should return to our studio building 30 minutes before your child's audition time ends.** We will bring your child to our front entrance and call your name once your child has arrived. Children must be signed out by a parent/guardian. No child may leave our studios without their parent/guardian.

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We consider our Children's Cast to be a vital and important part of The Brown-Forman Nutcracker each year. Because we take their roles very seriously, we ask that you and your child take your potential participation just as seriously. All Children's Cast members are expected to commit to attending all scheduled rehearsals and performances. Beyond that, we expect our important Children's Cast members to fully commit to giving their best effort when they share studios and the stage with our professional company.

Please carefully review the following performance dates and rehearsal schedule to determine if you and your child, if cast, are ready to join us for this exciting production.

## 2026 CHILDREN'S CAST SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Please note that our rehearsal schedules are finalized by Louisville Ballet Artistic Staff. We will provide a complete rehearsal schedule to children who are cast and will update our website louisvilleballet.org for the most up-to-date information regarding any schedule changes including rehearsals, costume fittings, etc.

We will schedule a parent information session to give more details about our expectations, to meet other parents and to address any questions you may have regarding your child's participation. We will provide the time and date for this meeting following your child's audition.

Our Nutcracker Children's Cast members may be required to rehearse on any or all of the following days. Please note that times listed below are for example only; this schedule is ONLY to give you a general idea of the time commitment involved in your participation.

**Below are the dates and times when your child MAY BE required to rehearse.  
Further details will be available upon casting.**

<b>LOUISVILLE BALLET STUDIOS</b>		
<b>September 25<sup>th</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup> *</b>	<b>Fridays</b>	<b>4:00 pm – 7:30 pm</b>
	<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>10:30 am – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>December 7<sup>th</sup> - December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday &amp; Tuesday</b>	<b>4:00 pm – 7:00 pm</b>

\* There will be no rehearsals during the week of Thanksgiving.

<b>THE KENTUCKY CENTER</b>		
<b>December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> *</b>	<b>Wednesday, Thursday and Friday</b>	<b>1:00 pm – 5:00 pm AND/OR 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm</b>

\* Rehearsals will be scheduled during these times according to role and cast

### 2026 Brown-Forman Nutcracker Performances (Subject to Change)

<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Public Performance</b>		<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Public Performances</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sensory Friendly &amp; Public Performance</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Student Matinee</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Student Matinee &amp; Brown-Forman Community Performance</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Student Matinee &amp; Brown-Forman Employee Performance</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Student Matinee &amp; Public Performance</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Public Performances</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Public Performances</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Public Performances</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>	



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<b>Primary Contact First &amp; Last Name:</b>	<b>Child's First &amp; Last Name:</b>	
<b>Primary Contact Relationship to Child:</b>	<b>Date of Birth:</b> / /	<b>Age:</b>
<b>Primary Contact Home Phone:</b> ( ) -	<b>Height - Must be between</b> 3' 10" – 5' 4" <b>Feet:</b> <b>Inches:</b>	<b>Gender:</b>
<b>Primary Contact Cell Phone:</b> ( ) -	<b>Dance School:</b>	<b>LBS Class Level:</b>
<b>Primary Contact Email Address:</b>	<b>Academic School:</b>	<b>Grade Level:</b>
<b>Street Address:</b>	<b>Name(s) of any siblings auditioning:</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	<b>Contact During the Audition:</b>	

**TERMS OF PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (referred to as "dancer").

The undersigned parent (or guardian) of Dancer hereby acknowledges reading and clearly understanding the rules and regulations involved with Dancer's participation in the Louisville Ballet's audition for *THE BROWN-FORMAN NUTCRACKER* and agreeing to follow these rules and regulations.

**Media Release** I give my permission for photographs or video footage which includes my child or myself to be used for promotional purposes on television, newspapers, magazines or any other media.

**Medical Release** I am aware that ballet dancing and the gymnastic exercise associated with it place unusual stress on the body and carry with them the risk of physical injury. On behalf of my child and myself, I assume the risk and agree that Kentucky Dance Council Inc., d/b/a Louisville Ballet, and its Board of Directors, related entities of whatever kind or nature, successors, assigns, officers, directors, attorneys, agents and employees shall not be liable in any way for any injuries sustained or loss of property during attendance at the Kentucky Dance Council Inc., Louisville Ballet activity or any of its related functions. Permission is granted for emergency medical treatment for my child / me.

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 Please list all relevant medical, developmental or other conditions that might affect your child's audition today.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with all above releases and all applicable policies and procedures of Louisville Ballet.

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 Dancer Signature

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 Parent (or Guardian) Signature

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 Date